



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS & SHARPS DISPOSAL



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



! Do not flush prescription drugs! !

Improperly disposed medications impact aquatic ecosystems and may end up in our drinking sources.



Cook County Sheriff operates the Prescription Drug Take Back Program as a free service for Cook County residents.*



Many collection sites are at local police departments. Find a site near you at <http://www.cookcountysheriff.org/rx/consumer-residents/>

ACCEPTED:

- Medications in any pill dosage form
- Legally held controlled drugs and narcotics (Schedules II, III, IV and V) except for items listed below.

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Liquids
- Illicit drugs (Schedule I controlled substances) such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin & methamphetamine
- Herbal remedies
- Vitamins
- Supplements
- Cosmetics & other personal care products
- Compressed cylinders
- Aerosols
- Inhalers
- Pet pesticide products
- Iodine-containing medications
- Needles, syringes, lancets & injection pens
- Medical waste
- Chemo/cytotoxic drugs
- Contaminated materials such as gloves, tubing, or IV bags
- Hazardous materials

*Program is not available for use by retail businesses or companies that handle prescription drugs.



SHARPS DISPOSAL



sharps: medical devices used to puncture or cut skin, such as needles or syringes

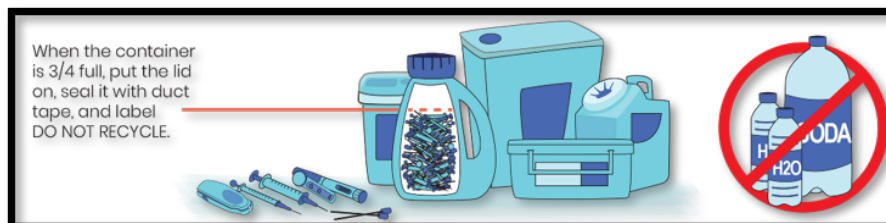


Sharps should never be put in the curbside recycling bin or placed loosely in the trash.



Find out if your doctor or pharmacy has a take back program. Visit safeneedledisposal.org and use the locator tool for disposal sites.

If you cannot access a site, fill a hard-plastic container with your sharps and throw it in the trash.



Source: SafeNeedleDisposal.org